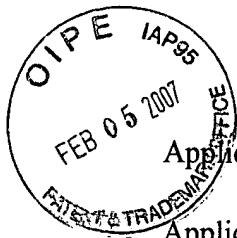


IFW



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Okutani et al. Examiner: Not yet assigned
Application No.: 10/786,754 Confirmation No.: 3009
Filed: February 25, 2004 Group Art Unit: 2851
For: ELECTRONIC CAMERA

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in connection with the above-identified application. The Supplemental IDS is being submitted more than 3 months of the filing date of the application but before the mailing date of a first office action.

Copies of the referenced foreign documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A, are enclosed. A duplicate copy of this IDS transmittal form is also enclosed herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, submission of this statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 or due in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 848075.0067. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed herewith.

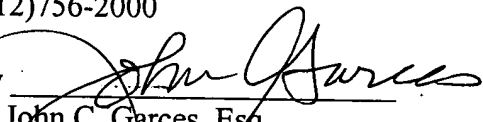
It is respectfully requested that these references be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicant requests that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

Prompt consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP
Attorneys for Applicant
919 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
(212)756-2000

By


John C. Garces, Esq.
Reg. No. 40,616

Dated: January 31, 2007
New York, New York

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

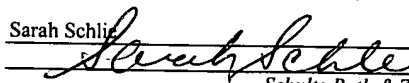
Date of Deposit: January 31, 2007

I hereby certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 that this correspondence and enumerated documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Name:

Sarah Schlie

Signature:


Schulte Roth & Zabel, LLP

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/786,754
Filing Date	February 25, 2004
First Named Inventor	Tsuyoshi Okutani
Art Unit	2851
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Attorney Docket Number	848075-0067

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP 2001-174887	06-29-2001	Canon KK		✓
		JP 10-83014	03-31-1998	Asahi Optical		✓
		JP 9-230199	09-05-1997	Olympus Optical		✓
		JP 63-120215	08-03-1988	Chinon Kabusiki		✓
		JP 11-142711	05-28-1999	Fuji Photo...		✓

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.